

21 To Armed Forces

Manitowish N. H. The Most Rev. John B. Pollock, Bishop of Manchester, Minnesota, has awarded the grade of sergeant to 21 members of the First war

“speed-up” class to be graduated from St. Anthony’s College here. It was announced that 21 of the graduates would go immediately into the armed forces and the other nine contemplate early enlistment or induction.

Remarkable Cure of Nun Cited In Beatification Cause of Mother Seton

EMMITSBURG, Md.—The remarkable cure of a nun, whom members of the medical profession had agreed was dying of cancer of the pancreas, after members of her community had begun a Novena to the Goodness, has been reported by the preparation of the Cause of Beatification of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, Foundress of the Sisters of Charity in the United States. The cure is reported by the Rev. Salvatore M. Burgio, C.M., Vice-Postulator of the Cause. The nun was Sister Gertrude Kornacker, R. I. It is stated that the remarkable cure is declared to have taken place at the Hotel Dies in New Orleans in 1895. Sister Gertrude

was then about 60 years old. Exploratory operations, it is stated, revealed that her case was “hopeless” when the Novena was begun. The next day, the records in the case state, Sister Gertrude’s pains ceased and she was soon able to return to her duties. About eight years later, on Aug. 20, 1907, Sister Gertrude died at Villa Saint Louis, Normandy, Me., of pulmonary embolism. An autopsy showed no trace of cancer of the pancreas, the record in the case states.

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From Iceland



Hakan Loftsson, 23-year-old son of Reykjavik, capital of Iceland, who is studying for the priesthood at St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore, Md., and so far as is known, is the only native of Iceland in the United States preparing for the priesthood. He is a convert to Catholicity, and expects to return to Iceland after his ordination in 1934. (N.C.W.C.)

Conference On Oriental Rites And Liturgies To Be Held April 2-3

NEW YORK — The Fifth Annual Conference on Oriental Rites and Liturgies, sponsored by Fordham University, will be held at Fordham, April 2, in St. Patrick’s Cathedral the following morning. The Oriental Rite to be considered is the Melkite Rite, a subdivision of the great Byzantine Rite. The Old World dwelling places of the Melkites are Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Transjordan, and Tripoli in North Africa.

At the Cathedral the Holy Sacrifice will be offered according to the Melkite Rite. The chief co-celebrant will be the Rt. Rev. Archbishop Bernard Sheen of St. George’s Melkite Church, New York. In celebrating the Holy Liturgy (Mass) the Melkites use the Arabic language and sometimes Ancient Greek.

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will preside in the Cathedral. Other prelates and priests of the Roman and Eastern Rites will participate.

The Rev. Robert L. Ryan, S.J., professor of religion at Fordham University, is chairman of the Committee on Lectures, and the Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, professor of history and patrology at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, is chairman of the Committee on Liturgies. The Very Rev. James H. Crichton, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn; the Rev. Dr. Frederick H. Chase, of Boston, and the Rev. Andrew H. Fogahn, of New York, a priest of the Byzantine Rite, are members of the Committee for Arrangements. Edmund C. Burke is Secretary.

Fordham Head To Give London Lenten Talks

LONDON—The Very Rev. Robert L. Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University, New York, has accepted an invitation to deliver a series of Lenten sermons at Westminster Cathedral here. It has been announced. The invitation to give the Cathedral sermon series was extended to Father Gannon by His Eminence, Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster. Father Gannon will deliver the first in the series of sermons on Mar. 14, the first Sunday in Lent, and will give the concluding sermon on Good Friday, April 22. During his stay in London, Father Gannon also will address the Aquinas Society.

Cardinal O’Connell Gives Canteen To Red Cross

BOSTON—His Eminence William Cardinal O’Connell, in a formal presentation ceremony, gave the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross a modern mobile kitchen-canteen and imparted his blessing to the eight volunteers who will staff the vehicle. In making the presentation, Cardinal O’Connell said: “I am most happy to be able to give this canteen and I am sure it will prove most useful to the Red Cross in its work of mercy.” It was explained the Cardinal’s gift was an extra one and not a part of his regular contribution to the organization.

Fr. Paul Blakely, 62, Noted Jesuit Writer, Dies In New York

NEW YORK — The Rev. Paul Lendrum Blakely, S.J., associate editor of American since 1914 and recognized authority on the Constitution and the War Between the States, died Feb. 28, at St. Clare’s Hospital, here, at the age of 62 years. Although Father Blakely had been under his physician’s care for the past few years, he was able to carry on his editorial work until Thursday, when he was stricken with an acute heart attack and removed to the hospital. Early in Father Blakely’s journalistic career, he distinguished himself by the leading part he played in the charitable investigations in New York around 1910. Thereafter he was looked upon as an authority of sociological questions and as a keen analyst of the economic situation. He was particularly interested in labor unions and in the application to the nation’s economic structure of the Papal Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI. His writings on these subjects have become well known in American Catholic literature.

In his 28 years as associate editor of American, the weekly review of opinion published by the American Association of the Society of Jesus, Father Blakely became notable for his signed articles, which numbered more than 1,100.

Under several editors of American, he was valued as chief editorial writer and in many departments was the leading authority in determining editorial policy. Father Blakely was the author of three volumes of reflections on the Sunday Gospels—“Then Jesus Said,” published in 1920; “Looking on Jesus,” published in 1921 and “We Wish To See Jesus,” published last year.

Open Fight On Barrier Against Colored

NEW YORK—A resolution calling upon Catholic employers as well as leaders and members of labor unions “to make every effort to remove all existing barriers” against the admission of colored workers in industry and in labor unions was adopted here at the eighth anniversary conference of the Catholic Interracial Council. The resolution declared it is incumbent upon the employers and unionists to be mindful of the Papal Encyclicals which insist upon the observance of the right to work, the right to a living wage—a family living wage—and the right of labor to organize for the well-being and security of all. The resolution was fostered by John T. Ryan, chairman of the Irish-American Committee for Interracial Justice. The noblest cheerfulness may be shown in silence, in the refusal to burden others with our faults.